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DATA ON RADIOFICATION IN BULGARIA

RADIOFICATION PROGRESS IN BULGARIA -- Sofia, Poshtenets, Jan 53

There are now 125,000 wired radio speakers in Bulgaria, 55,000 of which were connected with the radiofication network during 1952. During last year, 310 new wired radio relay centers were established in Bulgaria, bringing the total to almost 1,000 /sic; according to an article in Otechestven Front (given below), the number "exceeded 1,000". -- Georgi Kovachev, Director of Radiofication /in the Administration for Radiofication of the Ministry of PTTR (Post, Telegraph, Telephone, and Radio)7

Sofia, Radio, No 5, May 1953

The number of radiofied villages in Bulgaria has increased from 300 in 1950 to 1,021 on 31 March 1953. In 1951, 437 enterprises were radiofied and by 31 March 1953, 648 enterprises were radiofied.

The number of wired radio speakers has grown from 26,256 /in 195127 to 145,146 on 31 March 1953. Of these, 94,694 are located in villages, 43,293 are in cities, and 7,161 are in enterprises. -- Tsola Dragoycheva, Minister of PTTR

Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 7 May 53

Over 1,000 populated places and 684 enterprises, hospitals, and schools in Bulgaria have been radiofied thus far with about 145,000 yired speakers. -- Ivan Peychev, Assistant Minister of PTTR

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Rabotnichesko Delo, 12 Nov 52

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During October 1952, 16 additional /Bulgarian/ villages were radiofied. Wired radio speakers now connect Sofia with the following nearby villages: Gorna Verenitsa, Dolna Verenitsa, and Gabrovnitsa in Mikhaylovgrad Okoliya; Srem in Elkovo Okoliya; and Orkhanovo and Prokhod in Grudovo Okoliya.

During October 1952, 13 industrial enterprises received radio installations.

Ruse, Dunavska Pravda, 7 May 53

According to N. Nedelchev, Radiofication Referent (administrator) at the Ruse Okrug Telegraph and Telephone Administration, 62 villages in Ruse Okrug have been radiofied thus far. Over 8,092 homes have speakers. By the end of 1953, the number of homes with speakers must increase to 13,940. A total of 450 homes are radiofied in Dvc Mogili, 3yala Okoliya; 305 in Novo Selo, Ruse Okoliya; 284 in Trustenik, Ruse Okoliya; and 248 in Getsovo, Razgrad Okoliya. The Bozhkovo makhala kvartal (ward) in Ruse has 120 wired radio speakers and the Zdravets kvartal, 110. Over 45 Ruse Okrug enterprises are now radiofied with 465 radio speakers.

Stalin, Stalinsko Zname, 20 Mar 53

There are now 8,534 wired radio speakers in Stalin Okrug. The Okrug Program Director is Marinchev.

Stalinsko Zname, 26 Mar 53

On 1 May 1950, the 240-watt radio installation in Brestak, Provadiya Okoliya, went into operation, serving the villages of Brestak, Metlichina, and Karamanite. It is criticized for being inadequately handled.

Blaggevgrad, Pirinsko Delo, 28 Mar 53

Several months ago a wired radio relay station began operation in Leshnitsa, Sandanski Okoliya. The director of the station is Vladimir Ruykov. The station, called Radio "Leshnitsa," begins its broadcasts at an indefinite time and ends them exactly 15 minutes after they begin. The radio broadcasts all types of agricultural news and music, but no agitation material. The wave length is 3 kilometers (the distance between Leshnitsa and Sandanski), but the "Prosveta i kultura" (Education and Culture) Service of the Okoliya People's Soviet In Sandanski knows nothing about this radio station.

RADIO AMATEURS ACTIVE -- Sofia, Otechestven Front, 21 May 53

In the radio communication courses given by DOSO (Voluntary Organization for Defense Cooperation), theory and practice are taught by engineers, radio technicians, and young men who have completed the DOSO main course in method. Ten student groups, circles, and courses work through the year /In Sofia/. In the course, the students learn to receive and send the Morse code, to communicate with the whole world, and to construct radio transmitters and receivers.

In 1952, radio amateurs in Sofia made 7,000 connections with almost all countries.

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On Thursday evenings, many students, workers, and employees attend lectures given by specialists in radio communications.

At Bulevard Ruski 5, the fourth DOSO radio exhibit has been opened. Among the items on display are radio apparatus, transmitters, receivers, and telephones which have been manufactured in Bulgarian plants. During 1952, the number of radiofied villages exceeded 1,000 sic.

RADIOFICATION CRITICIZED -- Kolarovgrad, Kolarovgradska Borba, 7 Feb 53

The Kolarovgrad Okrug administration of the Ministry of PTTR has established that 500 defective loud-speakers were sent to the villages of the okrug from Sofia. All these loud-speakers will be replaced, according to a letter received from the Radiofication Directorate (Direktsiya na Radiofikatsiya) on 28 January 1953.

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